

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Tuesday, September 16, 2014 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (67 new fires)  
 New large fires: 0 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 15  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 7

\*\* Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

**Northern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 22  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 8  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**King**, Amador-El Dorado Unit, Cal Fire. IMT 1 (Giachino). Eleven miles east of Placerville, CA. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior. Numerous residences and energy infrastructure threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Happy Camp Complex**, Klamath NF. IMT 1 (Opliger). One mile east of Happy Camp, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect.

**Black**, Mendocino Unit, Cal Fire. Eight miles north of Ukiah, CA. Chaparral. Minimal fire behavior.

**Dog Bar**, Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit, Cal Fire. Six miles south of Grass Valley, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior.

**Bald Hill 3**, Hoopa Valley Tribe, BIA. IMT 2 (Minton). One mile northwest of Hoopa, CA. Timber. Creeping and smoldering.

**Gulch**, Shasta-Trinity Unit, Cal Fire. Eight miles north of Bella Vista, CA. Chaparral. Minimal fire behavior.

**July Complex** (2 fires), Klamath NF. Four miles east of Sawyers Bar, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior. Area closure in effect.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
King	CA	AEU	8,600	6,100	5	UNK	1,477	671	31	137	6	0	2.6M	ST
Happy Camp Complex	CA	KNF	112,643	701	55	9/20	1,381	-300	28	43	10	6	79M	FS

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Black	CA	MEU	403	-14	80	9/19	499	0	16	50	0	11	1.2M	ST
Dog Bar	CA	NEU	247	0	90	9/17	92	-388	4	5	0	5	1.2M	ST
Bald Hill 3	CA	HIA	210	0	90	9/17	388	-26	11	16	3	0	1M	BIA
Gulch	CA	SHU	1,375	75	96	9/16	231	-328	6	13	0	4	5.5M	ST
July Complex	CA	KNF	48,964	747	78	10/1	190	5	3	2	4	2	49.7M	FS

### **Northwest Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 10  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 5  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 4

**Deception Complex**, Willamette NF. IMT 2 (Watts). Two miles west of Oakridge, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Area closures in effect.

**36 Pit**, Mt. Hood NF. IMT 2 (Rabe). Ten miles southeast of Estacada, OR. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with group torching. Structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

**Onion Mountain**, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF. IMT 2 (Williams). Fifteen miles west of Grants Pass, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior with uphill runs and group torching. Numerous structures threatened. Area closure in effect.

**790**, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (D. Johnson) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Thirty miles northeast of Medford, OR. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Fork Peak**, Pacific Cascade Region, DNR. Twenty-six miles southwest of Centralia, WA. Timber and logging slash. Creeping and smoldering.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Deception Complex	OR	WIF	5,737	239	75	9/25	731	-5	14	37	7	0	24.2M	FS
36 Pit	OR	MHF	2,358	1,132	0	UNK	303	186	9	7	2	0	250K	FS
Onion Mountain	OR	RSF	1,954	454	2	UNK	315	134	11	13	10	0	400K	FS
790	OR	RSF	3,023	-13	85	9/30	352	-81	8	5	7	0	14.9M	FS
Fork Peak	WA	PCS	117	0	50	9/19	221	5	13	9	1	0	395K	ST

**Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 17  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 2  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**Courtney**, Merced-Mariposa Unit, Cal Fire. Three miles east of Oakhurst, CA. Chaparral and grass. Moderate fire behavior with torching and long-range spotting. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

**Silverado**, Cleveland NF. IMT 2 (Garwood). Two miles east of Silverado, CA. Chaparral. Minimal fire behavior. Evacuations have been lifted.

**Meadow**, Yosemite NP. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Cooper) back to the local unit will occur today. Five miles east of Yosemite Valley, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Area closures in effect.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Courtney	CA	MMU	320	20	35	UNK	563	223	11	88	6	61	510K	ST
Silverado	CA	CNF	968	0	87	UNK	716	-712	17	30	4	0	4.8M	FS
Meadow	CA	YNP	4,772	0	N/A	N/A	328	-96	4	0	2	0	4.9M	NPS

**Other Fires**

(As of September 12)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	0	0	0	0	0	0
NW	6	71,333	7	8	7	235
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	0	0	0	0	0	0
NR	7	16,979	1	4	1	66
EB	0	0	0	0	0	0
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	1	4,313	0	1	0	3
RM	0	0	0	0	0	0
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	14	92,625	8	13	8	304

**Predictive Services Discussion:** A weak upper level disturbance may bring isolated thunderstorms to the higher terrain of the Sierra and Cascade Mountains as it weakens the dominant high pressure ridge. Otherwise, warm and dry weather will continue for much of the Intermountain region today. Hurricane Odile will move into the Baja California area, spreading heavy rain and thunderstorms across the Desert Southwest. East of the Rockies it will be cool and dry over much of the eastern U.S. with surface high pressure in control. The exception will be ahead of a stationary front along the Gulf Coast with widespread showers and thunderstorms today in a warm and moist airmass.

<http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



## Hazard Trees – Situational Awareness

*Felling Safety Category*

Snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) and green hazard trees present a significant threat to wildland firefighter safety. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw off embers creating spot fires in advance of the main fire. Snags may burn through more quickly than green trees and can fall without warning. Live, green trees weakened by insects, disease, weather, fire, and age presents another hazard and they can also fall without notice.

- The risk of serious injuries from hazard trees may increase during the night operational period when visibility is reduced.
- While work in cooler, nighttime environments can help control efforts, it also presents an increased risk from unseen falling snags and weakened live trees. Night operations should be restricted in areas of high risk rated dead and dying trees.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from hazard trees: Strong or gusty winds from storm cells. Air operations - water or retardant drops, rotor wash from helicopters. Steep slopes with rolling material. Erosion and undercut root systems. Diseased or bug-killed areas (Mountain Pine Beetle).
- Things to consider when assessing the potential dangers of hazard trees: Trees have been burning for an extended period. High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) in the area. Numerous downed trees/material. Broken tops and dead limbs overhead. Accumulation of downed limbs, tree decay, cavities, splits, cracks, lack of needles, bark, limbs or other indicators of overhead hazards. Roots damaged by equipment, fire or erosion create hazards.
- Mitigation measures to take: Identify and establish No-Work-Zones (NWZ) in all high-risk areas until the hazard has been mitigated. Instruct firefighters of established NWZ in briefings. Identify with flagging/signs, and show area on maps. Establish lookouts to protect NWZs. Assign only qualified sawyers and Falling Bosses. Order additional professional fallers in advance. Use heavy equipment, and blasters when appropriate. Plan a quick and safe escape routes. Do not turn your back on a falling tree or known hazard. Use lookouts to maintain secure felling areas. Maintain situational awareness.

References:

[Hazard Tree Safety Web Page](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest	FIRES	1	0	0	0	6	3	10
	ACRES	2	0	0	0	17	3	22
Northern California	FIRES	0	0	0	0	21	1	22
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2,417	2,017	4,434
Southern California	FIRES	0	0	0	1	16	0	17
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	17	0	17
Northern Rockies	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Western Great Basin	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest	FIRES	0	1	0	0	1	1	3
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	7	0	7
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	4	2	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	191	95	286
TOTAL	FIRES	1	1	0	1	52	12	67
	ACRES	2	1	0	0	2,650	2,118	4,771

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	55	0	0	300	24	<b>379</b>
	ACRES	0	31,560	0	0	201,245	7	<b>232,812</b>
Northwest	FIRES	320	289	54	58	1,046	1,455	<b>3,222</b>
	ACRES	80,915	737,766	152	2,937	278,581	178,107	<b>1,278,458</b>
Northern California	FIRES	95	36	7	11	2,768	743	<b>3,660</b>
	ACRES	88	16,102	35	31	85,794	276,996	<b>379,046</b>
Southern California	FIRES	39	71	13	56	2,321	540	<b>3,040</b>
	ACRES	235	2,988	518	219	20,621	23,848	<b>48,429</b>
Northern Rockies	FIRES	656	77	7	11	891	687	<b>2,329</b>
	ACRES	10,494	2,867	1,168	5	82,226	20,977	<b>117,737</b>
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	39	414	1	28	573	512	<b>1,567</b>
	ACRES	1,159	60,806	0	206	21,035	14,740	<b>97,946</b>
Western Great Basin	FIRES	9	303	1	16	51	88	<b>468</b>
	ACRES	168	32,447	0	7	1,098	24,247	<b>57,967</b>
Southwest	FIRES	475	164	11	53	608	815	<b>2,126</b>
	ACRES	99,067	1,871	577	11,031	14,329	81,311	<b>208,186</b>
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	478	344	22	17	681	237	<b>1,779</b>
	ACRES	2,334	10,869	1,181	2,505	48,773	2,181	<b>67,843</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	408	0	51	22	4,883	320	<b>5,684</b>
	ACRES	602	0	1,815	186	34,064	4,893	<b>41,560</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	403	0	117	26	14,381	504	<b>15,431</b>
	ACRES	111,325	0	9,743	282	248,507	35,233	<b>405,090</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	<b>2,922</b>	<b>1,753</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>28,503</b>	<b>5,925</b>	<b>39,685</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>306,387</b>	<b>897,276</b>	<b>15,189</b>	<b>17,409</b>	<b>1,036,273</b>	<b>662,540</b>	<b>2,935,074</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>58,434</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>6,560,844</b>

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### Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	87	0	87
Northern California	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern California	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	169	169
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	25	0	25
Western Great Basin	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	132	132
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	8	9
	ACRES	0	0	72	0	0	201	273
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>686</b>

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Year to Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	7	0	0	0	0	7
	ACRES	0	59,591	0	0	0	0	59,591
Northwest	FIRES	12	47	9	3	17	174	262
	ACRES	2,906	13,255	3,190	37	534	23,199	43,121
Northern California	FIRES	2	3	17	9	0	127	158
	ACRES	56	135	7,330	60	0	5,950	13,531
Southern California	FIRES	2	5	3	6	0	71	87
	ACRES	9	277	191	454	0	2,082	3,013
Northern Rockies	FIRES	13	22	45	4	11	131	226
	ACRES	2,553	8,112	10,950	3,253	241	17,271	42,380
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	14	5	7	31	69	129
	ACRES	355	4,062	2,184	56	1,228	20,247	28,132
Western Great Basin	FIRES	0	3	1	0	7	3	14
	ACRES	0	716	300	0	147	216	1,379
Southwest	FIRES	10	16	7	1	1	54	89
	ACRES	2,036	18,298	1,959	17	75	20,805	43,190
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	22	37	92	18	68	78	315
	ACRES	1,910	3,479	19,531	4,833	2,345	12,609	44,707
Eastern Area	FIRES	53	0	382	51	1,187	179	1,852
	ACRES	58,417	0	57,655	5,551	71,872	64,150	257,645
Southern Area	FIRES	88	0	184	28	8,060	875	9,235
	ACRES	17,721	0	77,764	31,863	344,068	889,691	1,361,107
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>9,382</b>	<b>1,761</b>	<b>12,374</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>85,963</b>	<b>107,925</b>	<b>181,054</b>	<b>46,124</b>	<b>420,510</b>	<b>1,056,220</b>	<b>1,897,796</b>

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Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>. This report contains information derived from the National Fire and Aviation Management Web Applications (FAMWEB) system and other sources to provide relative information about emerging and ongoing incident activity. This information is considered operational in nature, is subject to change, and therefore may not match official year-to-date agency records.

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